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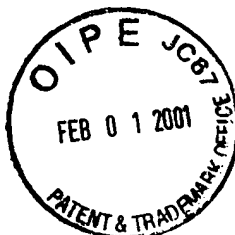
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

German reference 19 829 385 discloses a device for gasifying combustible materials. This reference corresponds to UK reference 23 44 350, a copy of which is also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the present application.

German reference 19 718 131 discloses a system in which gasification gas and the molten liquid inorganic fraction can be discharged from the reaction chamber separately or together.

German reference 44 46 803 discloses a refractory lining and cooled systems for internally delimiting the contour of the reaction chamber.

Applicants do not have English language translations of either of these references. However, English language abstracts are attached.

German reference 22 65 88 discloses a pinned screen for heating installations. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available.

German reference 41 09 231 discloses a process for the utilization of halogen-polluted carbon-containing waste substances in which the materials are converted together with oxygen in the flame of an entrained-bed gasifier. This reference is discussed in greater detail in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion.

German reference 44 46 803 discloses a process for utilizing residues and waste material. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English language abstract thereof is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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